

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Final Office Action of June 11, 2009. This Amendment is in full response thereto. Thus, Applicants respectfully request continued examination and allowance of the application.

Claims 12-15, 17, and 21 are pending in this application.

Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 12-15 and for the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 17 and 21. Applicants have rewritten claim 17 in independent form.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 16 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Whitlock, et al. (USPN 4,806,171). Applicants have canceled these claims thereby mooting the rejection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitlock et al. (USPN 4,806,171). Applicants have canceled these claims thereby mooting the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he/she is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

It is not believed that any fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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